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Wind

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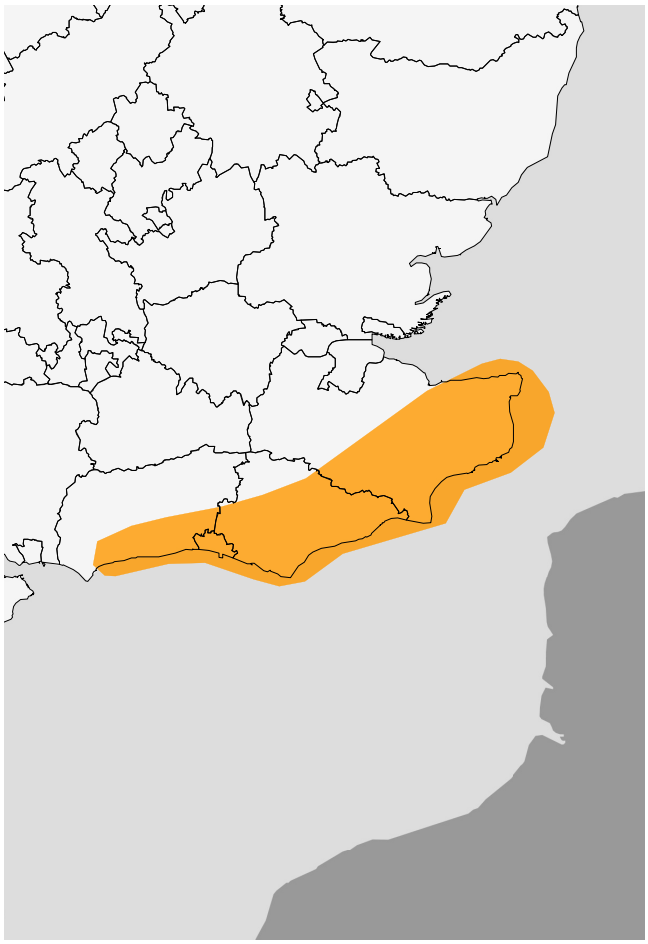


Storm Isha will being a spell of very strong winds during Monday with disruption to travel likely.

What to expect

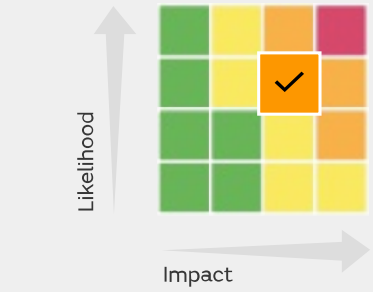
- Longer journey times and cancellations likely, as road, rail, air and ferry services may be affected
- Some roads and bridges likely to close
- Probably some damage to buildings, such as tiles blown from roofs
- Injuries and danger to life is likely from large waves and beach material being thrown onto coastal roads, sea fronts and properties
- There is a good chance that power cuts may occur, with the potential to affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage

Further details

Very strong southwesterly winds, associated with Storm Isha, will develop across parts of Sussex and Kent during Monday morning. Gusts of 50-60 mph are likely widely with 70 mph possible in a few locations. Along exposed coastal stretches winds may gust up to 80 mph a times. Winds will turn westerly around mid-morning on Monday and ease.

What should I do?

Driving in these conditions can be dangerous, for yourself and other road users.



Medium likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

If you must drive, you can do this more safely by taking the following actions; drive slowly to minimise the impact of wind gusts, be aware of high sided vehicles/caravans on more exposed roads and be cautious when overtaking, and give cyclists, motorcyclists, lorries and buses more room than usual.

Being outside in high winds makes you more vulnerable to injury. Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do go out, try not to walk, or shelter, close to buildings and trees. In advance of high winds, check for loose items outside your home and secure them. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, sheds and fences.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

Stay up to date with the weather forecast for your area and follow advice from emergency services and local authorities.

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